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In the specification (of International Application PCT/GB99/03072 as published):

On page 4, after the last full paragraph, add the following new paragraph:

A1
EP-0683199A discloses a process in which a layer of fines is formed on a conveyor belt and subjected to heat up to coalescence of the powder by below decomposition or cross-linking.

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 4-5 with the following paragraph:

A2
According to the present invention there is provided a process for recycling fines produced during the production of powder coatings comprising the steps of:
depositing the fines onto conveyor means as a series of continuous lines;
heating the lines of fines without fully melting or cross-linking them until they become sufficiently tacky to form agglomerated masses;
cooling such agglomerated masses; and
collecting the agglomerated mass.

On page 5, after the first partial paragraph add the following new paragraph:

A3
The invention further provides a process plant for recycling fines in accordance with a process for recycling fines the process plant including:
means for transporting the fines to be recycled as a series of continuous lines into a heating area and then into a cooling area.

On page 5, after the first full paragraph, add the following new paragraph:

A4
The process of the invention preferably comprises the step of passing the fines under a profiled comb or plate to form the continuous lines. The lines preferably have triangular profiles and preferably have a depth of 0.5 to 1.0 cm.

On page 5, delete the second full paragraph.

On page 5, replace the fourth full paragraph with the following paragraph:

Further preferably the resulting particles have a size of 3 mm to 212 microns.

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On page 5, replace the sixth full paragraph with the following paragraph:

One example of a recycling process will now be described with reference to a production trial that was carried out by us, and which is described herein below.

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On page 6, delete the third full paragraph.

On page 9, replace the fourth paragraph with the following paragraph:

As illustrated in Figure 3, in a processing plant suitable for carrying out the recycling process of the present invention, the continuously moving belt is replaced by a screw feed unit 14a, that is, the fines feed hopper 11 feeds the fines 15 to be recycled into a screw feed unit 14a that is driven by motor 14c.

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 10-11 with the following paragraph:

Although the recycling process of the present invention has been described by way of example to the fines being processed in a batch tray oven, or a moving conveyor belt and in a screw feed chamber, it is to be understood that the process could also be carried out in any other heating or curing apparatus which could achieve the partial cure profile as described herein.

In the claims: (of International Application PCT/GB99/03072 as published):

Cancel claims 1-16.

Add the following new claims:

17. A process for recycling fines produced during the production of powder coatings comprising the steps of:

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